

Message Text

PAGE 01 BAGHDA 01390 270825Z

20

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 /018 W
----- 012923

R 230750Z SEP 76

FM USINT BAGHDAD

TO USDOC WASHDC

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3647

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY DOHA

UNCLAS BAGHDAD 1390

USDOC FOR OIM/SAD (WANDA ALE) FROM KILLOUGH

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, IZ, SY, QA, TC

SUBJECT: PENNSYLVANIA STATE IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) USDOC 12262, (B) BAGHDAD 1259 (NOTAL)

1. USINT CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE T.P. KILLOUGH, ASSISTED BY
SENIOR FSLs PAUL SALEH AND KRIKOR TOPAKIAN.

2. USINT OFFICIALLY INFORMED GOI MFA VIA NOTE SEPTEMBER 14 OF MISSION
'S
INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE AS WELL AS PENDING OCTOBER 10-15 VISIT OF
ADVANCE MAN THOMAS J.MURRAY. ON SEPTEMBER 23 WE PLAN SEND SECOND
NOTE GIVING REVISED MISSION COMPOSITION AND THOSE MEMBERS BIO
SHEETS ENCLOSED WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPT OF COMMERCE (J.T. ROGERS)
LETTER OF SEPT 14 TO KEISWETTER. WITH THREE DAY EID AL FIRIDA
HOLIDAYS NOW UPON US, UNLIKELY WE WILL HAVE FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS
WITH MFA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29.

3. SEPT 14 ROGERS LETTER LISTED EIGHT MISSION MEMBERS BUT DID NOT
INCLUDE INFO SHEETS ON TWO: (A) BERNARD MCDERMOTT OF AMERICAN
CHAIN AND (B) DR. ROBERT ALEXANDER, COORDINATOR,
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMS, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY. REQUEST
ASAP TELEGRAPHIC STATEMENTS REGARDING THESE TWO
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BAGHDA 01390 270825Z

(ESPECIALLY ALEXANDER) FOR FOLLOW-UP WITH MFA.

4. IN SEPT 16 TELEX ROGERS REITERATED HIS UNDERSTANDABLE REQUEST
ADVANCE MAN MURRAY BE HOUSED OCTOBER 10-15 AT HOTEL

BAGHDAD. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT COMPLY. BUT REQUEST USDOC MAKE IT CLEAR TO ROGERS AND MURRAY THAT, BECAUSE OF ENORMOUS INFLUX OF VISITORS FOR BAGHDAD FAIR OCTOBER 1-21, IT IS MOST RPT MOST UNLIKELY ROGERS WILL STAY AT HOTEL BAGHDAD, ALTHOUGH HE MAY BE ABLE TO DO SO ON RETURN VISIT OCTOBER 27-29 WHEN SPACE IS LESS AT PREMIUM. IN THIS CONNECTION, DOES ROGERS HAVE TWO ENTRY VISAS FOR IRAQ? IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, RECOMMEND SUCH VISA AND THAT IT BE ISSUED IN WASHINGTON. OTHERWISE VISA FO SECOND ENTRY WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED IN DAMASCUS AND WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EXPENDITURE OF TIME BY USINT AND AMEMB DAMASCUS. ADVISE.

5. RE MURRAY'S FLIGHT SCHEDULE: FOLLOWING IS LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 - ALITALIA 704 - ETD ROME 1600
EATA BAGHDAD 1900

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 - IRAQI 119 - ETD BAGHDAD 0200
ETA DOHA 0350

(NOTE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 SYRIAN FLT 361 DOES NOT RPT NOT FLY.)

ASSUME, THEREFORE, MURRAY'S SECOND BAGHDAD VISIT WILL HAVE TO BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER - SYRIAN 361 - ETD DAMASCUS 0700
ETA BAGHDAD 0820

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 - IRAQI 237 - ETD BAGHDAD 0900 (FOR LONDON)

6. RE MISSION'S SCHEDULE: WE NOTE ONLY 75 MINUTES (1045-1200) ALLOWED IN ROME ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 FOR TRANSFER BETWEEN TWA 806 AND UNNUMBERED ALITALIA FLIGHT TO BAGHDAD. THIS SEEMS RISKY. WISH ALSO POINT OUT THAT ON NOVEMBER FIRST EACH YEAR IRAQI AIRWAYS AND OTHER REGIONAL AIRLINES MAKE MAJOR CHANGES IN SCHEDULING . IMPERATIVE THAT POSTS IN ABU DHABI, DAMASCUS, AND DOHA REMAIN ALERT TO THESE CHANGES AND THAT WE ALL KEEP ONE ANOTHER AND MISSION INFORMED AS FAR IN ADVANCE
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BAGHDA 01390 270825Z

AS POSSIBLE.
WILEY

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 16 SEP 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BAGHDA01390
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D760359-0242
From: BAGHDAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t197609108/baaaerou.tel
Line Count: 100
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cahillha
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 AUG 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 AUG 2004 by oatisao>; APPROVED <07 DEC 2004 by cahillha>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PENNSYLVANIA STATE IOGA TRADE MISSION
TAGS: BEXP, IZ, SY, QA, TC
To: USDOC
INFO STATE
MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006